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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT OF QATAR (GOQ) PARTICIPATION CRUDE

REF: (1) BEIRUT 7694 (NOTAL); (2) BEIRUT 7613 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED US BY HIGH GOQ OFFICIAL,
QATARIS ON JUNE 19 SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH KOCH OIL INTERNATIONAL,
PO BOX 2256, WICHITA, KANSAS 67201, PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE BY
THAT FIRM OF ALL QATAR PARTICIPATION CRUDE OVER THREE YEAR PERIOD.
AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDED FOR KOCH OIL CONCESSION TO DEVELOP ON
SHORE ACREAGE RECENTLY REVOKED FROM ANTWERP BASED BELGIAN OIL
CORPORATION. ALTHOUGH WE NOT PROVIDED DETAILS OF EITHER PURCHASE
OR CONCESSION AGREEMENT BY GOQ WE NOTE JUNE 25 ISSUED PETROLEUM
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INTELLIGENCE WEEKLY REPORTS KOCH'S WINNING BID TO BE ABOUT \$3

A BARREL F.O.B. FOR 40 DEGREE DUKHAN ONSHORE CRUDE AND 8 CENTS
LESS OR \$2.92 FOR 36 GRAVITY MARINE, JUST ABOUT THE NEW JUNE 1
POSTED PRICE LEVELS INCLUDING GENEVA II INCREASE. PIW NOTES
THAT, ASSUMING \$3 BID PRICE CORRECT, THIS NOW BECOME TOP PRICE
TO DATE IN GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION OIL SALE.

2. ALTHOUGH WE AWARE THAT AMERANDA HESS HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN
QATAR, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE STORY
REPORTED REF 1, I.E. THAT HESS WAS A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR QATAR
PARTICIPATION CRUDE. MOREOVER, GIVEN INFORMATION PARA 1 THAT KOCH
HAD CONTRACTED FOR ALL QATAR PARTICIPATION CRUDE OVER NEXT THREE
YEARS, WE DOUBT SOMEWHAT VERACITY STORY REPORTED TO AMEMBASSY
BEIRUT. WE WILL, HOWEVER, CHECK OUT FACTS IN DOHA, INCLUDING
PRICES AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.
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